

REMARKS

Claims 36-62 are pending in this application. In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner has required restriction of claims 36-62 to a single invention under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372. Claims 36-62 were subjected to a restriction requirement as follows:

- Group I - Claims 36-47, 50-54, and 57 are drawn to methods of diagnosing pregnancy-related complications comprising providing PP13-responding cells having a membrane and further comprising differential diagnosis;
- Group II - Claims 48-49 and 55-56 are drawn to kits for diagnosing pregnancy complications comprising PP13 standards, various dyes, fatty acid standards, and developing reagents...;
- Group III- Claims 58-61 are drawn to a method of diagnosing pregnancy complications comprising providing a phospholipid suspension, and measuring production of prostaglandins;
- Group IV- Claim 62, is drawn to an apparatus comprising a measuring unit and a control unit to measure modifications in permeability of the membrane of PP13-responding cells.

The Examiner has required an election of the method and product of Groups I-II to be examined together, or one of Group III or Group IV.

RESPONSE

Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 36-47, 50-54, and 57 of Group I, and claims 48-49, and 55-56 of Group II to be examined together. Election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

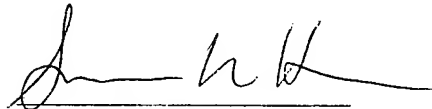
CONCLUSION

Having made the required election, examination on the merits is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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